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Illinois Department on Aging

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Illinois Department on Aging asks: Have you applied for help with drug costs?

A reminder from the Illinois Department on Aging: you must file your annual Application for Circuit Breaker and Illinois Cares Rx (2005 Form IL-1363), before the end of the year, in order to continue your drug coverage.

The 2005 Form IL-1363 application may be filed two ways:

- by filing an electronic application on the Internet at www.cbrx.il.gov. We encourage the use of an electronic application filed on the Internet because it can be processed faster than a paper application. Be sure to mark Box 5 for yourself (Box 12 for your spouse) to indicate that you (and your spouse) want help paying for prescription drugs, or,
- by requesting a paper application from the Illinois Department on Aging Circuit Breaker Senior HelpLine at 1-800-624-2459 (TTY 1-800-544-5304), which can be mailed back to us.

If you need additional information about Medicare Part D or assistance in completing Form IL-1363, please contact your local Area Agency on Aging office or the Illinois Department on Aging in Springfield.

Your Illinois Cares Rx drug coverage will end December 31, 2006, **IF**

- a 2005 Form IL-1363 has not been filed,
- you fail to mark the appropriate box(es) to ask for help paying for your drugs, or,
- you do not meet program qualifications.

Illinois Cares Rx is a state program for disabled individuals and senior citizens with limited incomes to obtain prescription drugs. This program provides additional financial assistance for premiums, deductibles, co-insurance and coverage gaps under the federal Medicare Part D program.

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